

## **Families First in Numbers**

### **Updated with Information from August 2004**

Current number of Assistance Groups: 74,006

Current number of adults: 57,213

Current number of children: 139,744

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,233

Closures in August:

total closures: 4129

closures for 18 month time limits: 151

closures for sanctions: 805

work-related sanctions: 786

other sanctions: 19

closures for employment: 1017

Time limit closures since Families First started: 9,727

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 10,902

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$658.89

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$169.09

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between September 1996 and now exceeds 200,000.